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Presidente de la Republica  
Gral. Reynaldo Bignone  
Casa Rosada-Balcarce 50  
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The organization for Christian Action on Argentina has recently called to my attention the sorry plight of Mercedes Floras De Garcia, a 38 year old Argentinian woman whom the Argentine Security Forces detained already 8 years ago.

I am writing to protest the kind of torture that the Argentine police have used on both this woman and her husband. The political objectives that you seek are certainly not best obtained by such methods. I urge you to consider the rights and the human needs of all people in your country.

Specifically, I am writing to urge you to release Mrs. Garcia from prison and allow her to lead a normal life. Argentina has been a country with much Christian influence, but many of its present political policies seem to ignore the moral commitments of its religious profession.

Please give attention to this concern and show justice and mercy not only to Mrs. Garcia but also to others who are suffering a similar plight.

Sincerely,

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Senator Richard Lugar  
Senator Daniel Quayle

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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
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